

the violation of various labour laws in the country. The meeting could not be held on 24.10.2006 as a Government holiday had been declared on account of Id. The deferred meeting scheduled for 25.10.2006 and the meeting fixed again on 16.11.2006 could not be held due to administrative exigencies.

It was decided that another meeting may be called to discuss in detail the various issues related to implementation of labour laws in the country. The date of proposed meeting is yet to be fixed.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, CITU has sent a memorandum concerning some glaring examples of violations of labour laws in some States and by Central Government Units. In this context a report was called for from the state Governments of NCT of Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and also from Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), New Delhi. Necessary reports are still awaited.

Strenuous Working conditions in IT Sector

824. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the employees in IT sector are forced to work beyond the stipulated working hours under strenuous conditions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that workers in the IT sector are denied of the protection of existing labour laws applicable to other sector;

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to protect the workers from over exploitation and to provide labour rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The employees in IT sector are covered under the existing labour laws. The State Government are the "appropriate Government" under the various labour laws and legally vested with the powers to deal with the enforcement of labour laws in information technology sector. Information Technology and

Information Technology enabled services are covered under existing labour laws. Accordingly, State Governments have been requested to take appropriate action in getting the labour laws implementation reviewed expeditiously.

Labour productivity

825. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of labour productivity per person monthly/per-hour in India and other top ten countries in the world;

(b) what is the annual earning per worker in India and in ten countries in the world; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The labour productivity measured in terms of Gross Domestic Product (purchasing power parity) per person per hour (in US\$) during the year 2003 for India and other countries in the world was as under:

Country	Purchasing power (in US\$)
India	3.05
China	4.39
Japan	29.88
U.K.	30.93
USA	40.72
France	42.38
Germany	34.89
Canada	31.99
Korea	16.56
Australia	34.16